

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 13 as follows:

The computer system 1200 includes any number of processors 1201 (also referred to as central processing units, or CPUs) that are coupled to storage devices including primary storage 1202 (typically a random access memory, or "RAM"), primary storage 1203 (typically a read only memory, or "ROM"). As is well known in the art, primary storage 1202 acts to transfer data and instructions uni-directionally to the CPU and primary storage 1203 is used typically to transfer data and instructions in a bi-directional manner. Both of these primary storage devices may include any suitable type of the computer-readable media described above. A mass storage device 1204 is also coupled bi-directionally to CPU 1201 and provides additional data storage capacity and may include any of the computer-readable media described above. The mass storage device 1204 may be used to store programs, data and the like and is typically a secondary storage medium such as a hard disk that is slower than primary storage. A specific mass storage device such as a CD-ROM 1206 may also pass data uni-directionally to the CPU. Processor 1201 is also coupled to an interface 1205 that includes one or more input/output devices such as such as video monitors, track balls, mice, keyboards, microphones, touch-sensitive displays, transducer card readers, magnetic or paper tape readers, tablets, styluses, voice or handwriting recognizers, or other well-known input devices such as, of course, other computers. Finally, processor 1201 optionally may be coupled to a computer or telecommunications network using a network connection as shown generally at 1207. With such a network connection, it is contemplated that the CPU might receive information from the network, or might output information to the network in the course of performing the above-

described method steps. The above-described devices and materials will be familiar to those of skill in the computer hardware and software arts.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 24 as follows:

Furthermore, the system 100 for providing answers to a question according to a further embodiment of the present invention allows the first user to adopt a plurality of answers among input answers, like the method for providing the answer for a question wherein answers are adopted according to vote. At this time, the method for providing answers to a question according to this embodiment may further includes the steps of receiving predetermined compensation point data and evaluation data for each of a plurality of adopted answers from the first user, distributing the compensation point data in the ratio of the evaluation data corresponding to each of the answers, and increasing the point data associated with each of second users who input the adopted answers by the distributed compensation point data. If the point data of the second users increase, the point data associated with the first user is reduced in [[and]] an equal amount.